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Brian Schweitzer
Governor

Chief Information Officer

Advisory

JANUARY 6, 2010

TO: **DISTRIBUTION**

SUBJECT: **CIO ADVISORY: INTERIM STATEWIDE IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Interim Statewide IT Project Management Policy has been approved and replaces the Interim Statewide Policy: Project Management. The effective date for this new instrument is January 6, 2010. This document is available at the Enterprise Information Systems Publications webpage at http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/policies/Business_Process/businessdomain.mcpx.

The original interim instrument was approved in March 2009. Subsequent to that approval, we received comments requesting modifications to the document to (1) change the policy to indicate that it applies to only IT project management and not to projects in general (2) change the State Project Management Office (PMO) to the State IT Project Management Office (ITPMO) (3) clarify requirements and agencies' responsibilities. We have made these modifications.

During the 12-month period in which the Interim Statewide IT Project Management Policy is in effect, our intent is to validate the content of the interim instrument and then publish permanent policy instruments using the formal policy development process. Your comments are critical to this validation process.

Please review and submit any comments and feedback to include your best estimate of the impact upon your organization, business, and customer base to the **Policy Manager** at ITSD Service Desk (at http://servicedesk.mt.gov/ess.do), or email to ITPolicy@mt.gov, or mail to:

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This policy falls under the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act that states that the Department (of Administration) shall promote, coordinate, and approve the development and sharing of shared information technology application software, management systems, and information that provide similar functions for multiple state agencies. §2-17-512(1)(b), MCA, and that the Department shall establish and enforce statewide information technology policies and standards. §2-17-512(1)(e), MCA.

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